



Friday
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Weekly Views

The sad passing of longtime Westville Correctional Facility friend and employee, Elaine Zschoche, has prompted the staff at Westville to work together and come up with creative ways to honor Ms. Zschoche's 40 plus years of service. Superintendent Levenhagen has announced the renaming of the facility's meeting room in honor of Ms. Elaine Zschoche; the room will now be referred to as the EZ Room.

The Wabash Valley "Piggy" quilt made the show at the Indiana State Fair! The PLUS produced quilt brought home the bacon, taking third place in its judging category. "Piggy" also received the

coveted Coordinator's Theme Award and is currently in a special display case in the Home and Family Arts Building. The Wabash PLUS unit plans to donate the quilt to an area charity for fund raising purposes.



73 students enjoyed a Fresh Favorites Football Season Kickoff. This was the biggest turnout at Pendleton Juvenile in a LONG time. No yelling, no horseplay, just well behaved boys eating their hearts out and enjoying the fellowship of just sitting, eating, talking, and listening to music provided by the Recreation Department.

Indianapolis Re-Entry Educational Facility residents participated in a Pizza Hut and soda fundraiser in which \$773.74 was raised to benefit the Wee-Ones Nursery at the Indiana Women's Prison.

Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility held a celebration to mark the "One Year Hire Date Anniversary" of our first group of custody staff that opened the new facility.

The Central Office Paddle Battle Team, "Miss Demeanors," took to the canal in downtown Indianapolis in a race against other state agencies for the coveted Oar Award. The "Miss Demeanors" took 3rd place out of 20 teams. (see photo right)



The Indiana State Prison has begun to use the Sentinel-II IONSCAN Contraband Detection Portal, commonly seen in airports, at their main entrance. In addition to the normal searches and shoe X-rays, the machine analyzes microscopic particles from a person's clothes and skin for the presence of illegal substances.

Wabash Valley Shakespeare players addressed domestic violence in a unique way, through an offender produced adaptation of "Taming of the Shrew." The play targeted male offenders with abusive histories. The goal of the program, founded by Dr. Laura Bates, is to reduce criminal, specifically violent, behavior. (see photo below)



The Indianapolis Re-Entry Educational Facility (IREF), in collaboration with IUPUI, hosted an Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program closing ceremony at the facility for 13 residents – "Inside" students, and 14 IUPUI "Outside" students. IREF staff joined the participants and their guests to celebrate the success of the program participants, and hear testimonies about their classroom experiences.

Facilities are gearing up for this year's State Employees Community Campaign! Keep a look out for announcements of events around the state, such as the IDOC Fashion Show. This year's

campaign promises to be bigger and better than ever. Also keep in mind that we have our own charity that can benefit from the campaign, the Indiana Correctional Peace Officer Fund!